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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: GK-ZEI-3075/500343.20068

Customer No. 026418

Applicant(s): Johannes Knoblich

Serial No.: 09/462,961

Group: 2872

Filed: April 10, 2000

Examiner: Robinson, M

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

A petition and fee for a three-month extension of time is enclosed.

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